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A combined military competition of the Korean People's Army opened on June 8 at a training ground in the presence of Premier Kim Il Sung and other leaders of the Party and Government.

The competition initiated by the Premier will become an occasion in further strengthening the combat preparations and fighting capacity of various units, raising the level of military technique of the armymen one stage higher and effecting new innovation in the military and political training in honour of the coming 20th anniversary (February 8, 1968) of the founding of the Korean People's Army.

The competition including various events, such as general military competition, artillery firing and mass athletic meets, was participated in by excellent units and servicemen selected in the competitions held at the units, combined units and army units of the three services.

A large number of servicemen, Red Worker-Peasant Militia, working people and youths and students gathered there to see the competition.

A big picture reflecting the features of the People's Army, direct successor to the anti-Japanese guerrillas, marching vigorously along the victorious road indicated by the Party and the Leader, was set up on the training ground with the inscription, "Let us defend the Party Central Committee headed by Marshal Kim Il Sung at the cost of our lives!"

Slogans such as "Entire armymen, let us meet with great innovatory successes the 20th founding anniversary of the KPA by further perfecting combat preparations and increasing combat power of the units through combined military competition!" were seen.

At nine a.m. Premier Kim Il Sung, our respected and beloved leader, arrived amid the playing of welcoming music and reviewed a guard of honour of the three armed services of the Korean People's Army.

When Premier Kim Il Sung mounted the rostrum the ground shook with a storm of hurrah and cheers.

Women soldiers presented Premier Kim Il Sung and other leaders of the Party and Government with bouquets.

Among the platform party were Comrades Choi Yong Kun, Kim Il, Kim Gwang Hyop, Hong Myong Hui, Nam Il, Ri Jong Ok, Bak Jo'ng Ae, Ri Ju Yon, Choe Hyon, Kim Chang Bong, Pak Sung Chul, Kim Ik Son, Ri Yong Ho, Hoh Bong Hak, Ri Guk Jin, Kim Yo'ng Ju, Bak Yong Guk, Jo'ng Jun Taek, Han Sang Du, Hyon

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K.P.A. Combined Military Competition Opens

Exercise in Offensive Tactics in Combination with Combat Firing Takes Place

Premier Kim Il Sung reviewing a guard of honour of the three services of the Korean People's Army (KCNA photo)

Telegram to Heads of Arab States

Supporting the just struggle of the Arab peoples against the aggression of U.S. imperialism and the Israeli expansionists, Premier **KIM IL SUNG** sent on June 7 the following telegram respectively to **GAMAL ABDEL NASSER**, President of the United Arab Republic; **NOUREDDIN ATTASSI**, Head of State of the Syrian Arab Republic; **HOUARI BOUMEDIENNE**, Premier of the Algerian Democratic and People's Republic; **ABDEL RAHMAN MOHAMMED ARIF**, President of the Iraqi Republic; **ABDULLAH SALLAL**, President of the Yemeni Arab Republic; **MOKTAR OULD DADDAH**, President of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania; **HUSSEIN THE FIRST**, King of the Hashemite Kingdom of the Jordan; **SABAH AL-SALEM AL-SABAH**, Sultan of the State of Kuwait; **CHARLES HELOU**, President of the Lebanese Republic; **FAISAL IBN ABDUL AZIZ IBN SAUD**, King of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; **MOULAY HASSAN THE SECOND**, King of the Kingdom of Morocco; **MOHAMMED AHMED MAHGOUB**, Prime Minister of the Republic of Sudan; **HABIB BOURGUIBA**, President of the Republic of Tunisia; **MOHAMMED IDRIS EL SENUSSI**, King of the Kingdom of Libya; and **AHMED SHUCAIRI**, Chairman of the Palestinian Liberation Organization:

The Israeli expansionists, instigated by the U.S. imperialists, have started all-out armed invasion upon the U.A.R. and other Arab nations and the U.S. and British aggressors have begun joining in it openly.

This is a burglarious aggressive act of grossly violating the national independence and security of the Arab peoples and a grave menace to peace in the Near and Middle East and the rest of the world.

The Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the whole Korean people express towering indignation at this heinous criminal act of the U.S. and British imperialists and their lackeys, Israeli expansionists, and resolutely condemn it.

We express full support to and militant solidarity with the righteous war of resistance of all the peoples of the Arab countries who have risen like one man to oppose the U.S. and British imperialists and the Israeli expansionists, defend the national independence and honour of the Arab states and to liberate Palestine.

The U.S.-led imperialists and their stooges are the common enemy of the Korean and Arab peoples.

The Korean people regard the U.S. imperialist aggression against the Arab peoples as one against themselves and will do everything within their power to assist the Arab peoples in their just struggle against the aggressors.

The U.S. and British imperialists must take their blood-stained hands off the Near and Middle East at once. If they expand their intervention and aggressive war against the Arab peoples, they will only suffer irretrievable disastrous consequences arising therefrom.

Victory belongs to the Arab peoples who are firmly united.

I reassure you that the Korean people will always stand firmly on the side of the brotherly Arab peoples, and sincerely wish them brilliant victory in their just struggle against the aggressors.

Premier Kim Il Sung Cables President Nasser

Premier Kim Il Sung sent on June 11 a message to Gamal Abdel Nasser, President of the United Arab Republic.

Premier Kim Il Sung said in his message: "In the name of the entire Korean people and the Government and in my own I extend heartfelt greetings and congratulations to you on receiving the happy news that you will continue your work as President in accordance with the unanimous request of the U.A.R. people and their unqualified support."

The message went on: "The Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea gives full support to the just actions Your Excellency President and the U.A.R. Government have taken to defend the national independence and territorial integrity of your country against the aggression of the U.S.-British imperialists and the Israeli expansionists. The U.S.-British imperialists, along with the Israeli expansionists, are the main culprits who provoked an aggressive war against the United Arab Republic and other Arab nations and are fully responsible for the consequences that have arisen therefrom. The Korean people are deeply confident that the brave people of the United Arab Republic under your leadership will crush the aggression of the American imperialists and their stooges and win a final victory in their struggle for the liberation of Palestine."

Reaffirming that the Korean people and the D.P.R.K. Government will continue, in the future too, to stand foursquare behind the U.A.R. and other Arab peoples, the message heartily wished President Nasser more brilliant successes in his lofty work for the prosperity of the United Arab Republic and good health.

Military Competition

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Mu Gwang, Choe Gwang, O Jin U, Kim Dong Gyu and Jo'ng Gyong Bok.

Also seen among them were Gang Ryang Uk, Chairman of the Central Committee of the North Korean Democratic Party; Bak Sin Dok, Chairman of the Central Committee of the Religious Chongwu Party; Baek Nam Un, Vice-President of the Presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly; Choe Won Taek, Chairman of the Supreme People's Assembly; generals Kim Dae Hong, O Baek Ryong, Kim Bong Ryul, Jon Mun Sop and Ji Byong Hak, lieutenant generals Choe Min Chol, Kim Yang Chun, Yu Chang Gwon and Ju Do Il.

The reviewing stand was taken by responsible figures of the Party and government organs, People's Army and public organizations and participants of the anti-Japanese guerrilla warfare.

Invited there were military attaches of foreign embassies in Pyongyang.

General O Jin U, Director of the General Political Bureau of the Korean People's Army, spoke on the occasion.

Following the opening ceremony, an offensive tactical exercise of units combined with combat firing and of air and air-borne units took place.

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Premier Kim Il Sung Cites K.P.A. Units and Servicemen

Premier Kim Il Sung cited the Korean People's Army units and servicemen who showed good results in defending the socialist motherland and increasing the fighting capacity of the units, upholding the military policy of the Workers' Party of Korea, and in the tactical exercise carried out as an event at the opening ceremony of the combined military competition of the Korean People's Army.

A meeting was held on June 9 to convey the letters of commendation and gifts from Premier Kim Il Sung.

Present at the meeting were General Kim Chang Bong, Vice-Premier and Minister of National Defence, General O Jin U, Director of the General Political Bureau of the Korean People's Army, and other cadres of the K.P.A.

General Kim Chang Bong conveyed the letters of commendation and gifts to the unit to which Comrade Kim Sun Ho belongs and 26 other units and to Comrade Choe Ryong Sun and 57 other servicemen.

He said that after seeing the tactical exercise Comrade Kim Il Sung expressed satisfaction with the excellent coordination between units of different services and arms, sharp shooting of artillery and air force units and the successful carrying out of the exercise in accordance with the requirements of military regulations and thanked the entire servicemen who participated in the exercise, in the name of the Political Committee of the Party Central Committee.

Premier Kim Il Sung received the delegation of the Pan-African Women's Congress on June 5.

Premier Kim Il Sung Receives Pan-African Women's Congress Delegation

Premier Kim Il Sung on June 5 received the delegation of the Pan-African Women's Congress now on a visit to our country.

Present on the occasion were the leader of the delegation Cisse Jeanne Martin, General Secretary of the Pan-African Women's Congress, and member Dialo Keita, its administrative secretary.

Choe Gum Ja, Vice-Chairman of the Central Committee of the Korean Democratic Women's Union, was also present on the occasion.

Premier Kim Il Sung had a cordial, friendly talk with the guests.

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Immensely moved by the high praise and deep solicitude of their respected and beloved leader, the recipients of honours renewed their determination to devote themselves to the defence of the country through fire and water at any time, when called by the Party and the Leader. They pledged themselves to equip themselves better as revolutionary fighters, each of whom can match one hundred enemies, so as to meet the great event of the country's reunification with full preparations by beating back the enemies at one blow.

General O Jin U conveyed the citations and gifts from the Minister of National Defence to Comrade Ri Yun Bae and 54 others who distinguished themselves in the tactical exercise.

Letter to Cambodian Foreign Minister

Foreign Minister Pak Sung Chul sent a letter to Norodom Phurissara, Foreign Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, manifesting the stand of the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea recognizing and respecting the territorial integrity of Cambodia within her present borders.

The letter stressed: The Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Korean people fully support and express firm solidarity with the Government of the Kingdom of Cambodia and the Cambodian people in the just struggle against the aggression and provocations of the U.S. imperialists and their stooges and for safeguarding the independence and sovereignty of their country under the leadership of Prince Norodom Sihanouk, Head of State.

The Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea which has always respected the neutrality and territorial integrity of Cambodia recognizes and respects the territorial integrity of Cambodia within her present borders.

We Will Do Everything to Aid Arab Peoples' Struggle against Aggressors

The Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea issued on June 6 a statement in connection with the armed aggression launched by the Israeli Zionists against the United Arab Republic at the instigation of U.S. imperialism.

The Korean people regard the aggression of U.S. imperialism against the Arab peoples as one against themselves and are filled with the determination and fighting will to do everything in their power to aid the Arab peoples in their just struggle against the aggressors, the statement stressed.

The statement reads as follows:

The Israeli expansionists who had been aggravating the situation in the Near and Middle East to the extreme at the direct instigation of U.S. imperialism, launched at last an armed invasion upon the United Arab Republic on June 5, 1967.

According to press reports, the Israeli aggressor troops bombed Cairo, the capital, and many other areas of the U.A.R., invading the country along the whole front of Sinai Peninsula.

The U.A.R. army which had been keeping itself in full readiness in face of the aggressive moves of the U.S. imperialists and Israeli expansionists gave an immediate rebuff to the aggressors, inflicting serious losses to them.

Other Arab states have also launched counterattacks to rout the Israeli aggressors invading the U.A.R.

The Syrian, Jordanian and Iraqi troops started joint operations against the Israeli aggressors, and Algeria, Kuwait and the Sudan declared a state of war against Israel in succession. The Arab people in their entirety have risen up like one man against the Zionists in Israel, their common enemy.

The all-out armed invasion launched by the Israeli expansionists against the U.A.R. and other Arab states at the instigation of U.S. imperialism is a brigandish aggressive act wantonly infringing upon the independence and security of the peoples of these countries and a grave menace to peace in the Near and Middle East and the world.

The Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the entire Korean people express burning indignation at such heinous criminal act of the U.S. imperialists and their stooges Israeli expansionists and scathingly condemn it.

The D.P.R.K. Government and the entire Korean people express full support to and militant solidarity with the peoples of the U.A.R., Syria, Iraq, Jordan, Algeria, Kuwait, the Sudan and all other Arab states who have risen up in a just war of resistance against the U.S. imperialists and Israeli aggressors and in defence of national independence and honour.

The fact that U.S. imperialism, heedless of the unanimous denunciation of the world's peace-loving people, dared push the expansionist clique in Israel into an aggressive war against the Arab peoples eloquently shows how desperately it is working for aggression and the unleashing of a new war.

The whole responsibility for the present Near and Middle East situation rests entirely with U.S. imperialism.

It is none other than the U.S. imperialists who have armed the Israeli expansionists and directly planned, organized and instigated their aggression.

The U.S. imperialists have long been brewing a plot for enslaving the Arab peoples and dominating the Near and Middle East by using Israel as a tool of aggression.

They have recently resorted to brazen threat and blackmail, sending their Sixth Fleet to the sea off the Arab states, and egged the Israeli expansionists on to provocations more openly, finally plunging them into an all-out armed invasion.

In order to achieve their wild desire for colonial domination in all parts of the world, the U.S. imperialists intervene in the liberation struggle of the peoples and resort to armed aggression without hesitation when they fail to achieve their aggressive aims by using dollar and gun pressure.

That the U.S. imperialists are daily expanding the war of aggression in Vietnam, running amuck to ignite a new war in Korea and have enkindled the flames of another war in the Near and Middle East area once again proves that U.S. imperialism is the main force of aggression and war, the international gendarme, the bulwark of modern colonialism and the most heinous enemy of the world's people.

It is the worst challenge to all peace-loving people of the world that U.S. imperialism has started a new war of aggression against the Arab peoples by instigating its lackeys.

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Telegram to DRV Defence Minister

General Kim Chang Bong, Vice-Premier and Minister of National Defence, sent on June 8 a telegram to general Vo Nguyen Giap, Vice-Premier and Minister of National Defence of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, congratulating the heroic Vietnamese People's Army and the people upon their downing of the 2,000th U.S. air pirate.

The telegram said: All the men and officers of the Korean People's Army rejoice over the successes the fraternal Vietnamese people and the men and officers of the People's Army are scoring in the struggle against U.S. imperialism, the common enemy, regarding those successes as their own, and they are making every effort to support the brotherly Vietnamese people.

Telegram to Chairman of SVNFL Military Commission

General Kim Chang Bong, Vice-Premier and Minister of National Defence, sent on June 8 a telegram to Tran Nam Trung, Vice-President of the Presidium, and Chairman of the Military Commissoin, of the Central Committee of the South Vietnam National Front for Liberation, in connection with the brilliant battle success of the South Vietnam Liberation Army and the people in frustrating the U.S. imperialist "second dry-season offensive."

The telegram said: The successes won in battle by the South Vietnamese people and men and officers of the Liberation Army, a victory of great strategic importance both militarily and politically, in the anti-U.S., national salvation resistance of the entire Vietnamese people, have pushed the U.S. imperialist aggressors deeper into an inextricable predicament and greatly inspired the world's revolutionary peoples.

In the future, too, we will support with might and main the anti-U.S., patriotic struggle of the South Vietnamese people.

K.P.A. Is in Full Readiness

General O Jin U's Speech at the Opening Ceremony of the Combined Military Competition

The current combined military competition of the Korean People's Army was initiated by Comrade Kim Il Sung. It is aimed at further strengthening the combat preparedness and fighting capacity of the army units, raising the level of military technique of the army-men one stage higher and effecting new innovation in the military and political training in honour of the comming 20th anniversary of the founding of the Korean People's Army, which falls on February 8, 1968.

On the occasion of this grand combined military competition, I extend, on behalf of all the servicemen participating in the competition and all the men and officers of the People's Army, the highest honour and profound thanks to Comrade Kim Il Sung, the outstanding leader who personally founded and trained our People's Army, ensured all its victories and successes and reared it into a powerful revolutionary armed force as it is today.

The Peoples' Army, the direct successor to the anti-Japanese armed struggle, has remained infinitely loyal to the leadership of the Party, done its best for the victory of revolution and successfully discharged its duty of defending our socialist motherland and our people.

In the three-year Patriotic War of Liberation, the People's Army, at the call of the Party and the Leader, triumphantly repulsed the armed attack of the U.S.-led world reaction and honourably safeguarded the independence of the country and the gains of our revolution.

The immortal exploits performed by the People's Army in the Patriotic War of Liberation and in the struggle for strengthening the defence potential of the country after the war fully demonstrated the boundless fidelity of the men and officers of the People's Army to the Party and the Leader and their fiery will to march ahead, holding the Party policies with their hearts.

Today the only Party ideas of breathing and acting with one mind and one will with the Party Central Committee headed by Comrade Kim Il Sung have been firmly established in the People's Army, and all the armymen are filled with high pride of being soldiers of the Leader and with the firm determination to carry the Party's revolutionary cause through to completion.

Under the situation in which the U.S. imperialists are preparing for the launching of war, remaining in the southern part of our country, our Party has directed great efforts to strengthening the defence potential of the country, while expediting socialist economic construction.

Our military strength has grown incomparably and a nation-wide defence system with the People's Army as the core has been established in our country thanks to the wise military line of our Party on training the People's Army into a cadre army, modernising it, arming the entire people and turning the whole land into a fortress.

The People's Army are vigilantly watching the war machinations of the U.S. imperialist aggressors and their stooges. They are fully prepared to smash the enemy's invasion at one blow, be it from the ground, sea or air.

The wise leadership of the Party, the lofty consciousness and indomitable revolutionary spirit of the combatants devoting their lives to safeguarding the socialist motherland, their excellent military technique and great physical strength capable of skilfully handling modern weapons and combat equipment and striking at the enemy never missing the target, the high level of commanding art directing the soldiers to beat back the enemy with flexible and active military action, the fortified positions and active support of the entire people—these factors make it possible for the People's Army to smash the enemy's adventure and win great victory.

The U.S. imperialists are ever more frequently staging military provocations against the northern part of Korea. Owing to the military provocations of the U.S. imperialists, a grave situation which bears a close resemblance to that at the time the Korean war was started by them 17 years ago has been created in our country.

The military provocations of the U.S. imperialists are synchronised with their further escalation of the aggressive war against the Vietnamese people, instigation of Israel to launch a large-scale armed attack against the Arab people in the Middle East and hatching of new provocative plots against Cuba in Latin America. This shows that the U.S. imperialists are feverishly trying to extricate themselves from their present predicament.

With no frenzy, however, can the U.S. imperialists frighten our people. Our people and People's Army, filled with the determination to smash the adventure of the enemy and deal a hundred-fold, a thousand-fold retaliatory blow to them, are pushing ahead economic construction and defence upbuilding.

We do not want war, but never fear it. If the U.S. imperialists dare unleash a new war in Korea, our People's Army, together with the entire people under arms, will rise up in a heroic struggle and wipe out the aggressors to the last man.

To liberate the southern part and reunify the whole country is our lofty revolutionary task which must be carried out in our generation.

The entire men and officers of the Korean People's Army are burning with hatred and enmity against the U.S. imperialist aggressors, their sworn enemy, and are in full combat readiness to crush the aggressors and reunify the country at any time, when ordered by the Party and the Leader.

In the future, too, we will strictly uphold the revolutionary ideas of the Party, adhering to the principles of Juche in ideology, independence in politics, self-reliance in the economy and self-defence in national defence, and on the basis of the principles of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism, will strengthen in every way solidarity with the revolutionary peoples who are fighting against imperialism and for national independence and socialism.

We will continue to give active support to the struggle of the fraternal Vietnamese people against American aggression and fight together to the end to chop off the claws of the U.S. imperialists.

We resolutely denounce the U.S.-instigated Israeli expansionists for their large-scale armed aggression against the United Arab Republic and express firm solidarity with the U.A.R., Syrian, Iraqi and other Arab nations who rose up in a just struggle against the aggression of U.S. imperialism and Israel for the sake of their national honour and independence. (Summary)

Participants in the competition renewing their resolve to be worthy of the soldiers of the Party and Leader

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The people of the whole world will never tolerate the brigandish aggression by U.S. imperialism and its lackeys.

It is entirely right for the U.A.R., Syrian, Iraqi, Jordanian, Algerian, Kuwaiti, Sudanese and all other Arab peoples to unite closely and step up like one man in the just war of resistance against the U.S. imperialists and the Israeli aggressors.

The indomitable heroic spirit of the Arab peoples and their firm unity against the aggressors constitute a great strength that will never be destroyed.

The Arab peoples are only defending their national independence and territorial integrity and demanding the liberation of Palestine occupied by the Israeli aggressors. This is an inviolable, sacred right of the Arab peoples.

The U.A.R. Government exercised the legitimate, sovereign right of the U.A.R. people when it blockaded the Gulf of Akaba as a counter-measure against the aggressive actions of Israel.

The U.S. imperialists have no ground whatsoever to meddle in this.

The peace-loving people the world over are giving active support to the just cause of the Arab peoples and firmly standing on their side.

The wilder the U.S. imperialists and their lackeys run, the more they will be isolated from the world's people and the more speedily they will precipitate their doom.

The U.S. imperialist aggressors are utterly isolated in the world.

Today it is only such scum of the earth as the Pak Jung Hi clique of South Korea and the Cao Ky clique of South Vietnam who are following the U.S. imperialists in their aggressive acts.

The Pak Jung Hi clique long ago established close state relations with the Zionists in Israel, and have invariably pursued a hostile policy toward the Arab peoples.

Everyone remembers that during the Suez war in 1956 the South Korean puppet clique raved that they would dispatch volunteers to help the British, French and Israeli aggressors against the Egyptian people.

Today the Pak Jung Hi clique have sent over 50,000 puppet troops to the aggressive war of the U.S. imperialists in South Vietnam, thus fully revealing their true colours as bloody hangmen at the service of U.S. imperialism trying to strangulate the national-liberation movement of the Asian and African peoples.

Parroting their U.S. masters on the current Near and Middle East situation, too, the South Korean puppet clique are zealously pleading for the Israeli aggressors and making unbelievable insults and slanders on the just cause of the Arab peoples.

The Korean people will not overlook their despicable, criminal act of the South Korean puppet clique and will surely pass severe judgement upon them.

U.S. imperialism and its lackeys, Zionists in Israel and Pak Jung Hi clique of South Korea, are the common enemies of the Korean and Arab peoples.

Israel set up by U.S. imperialism is the source of constant unrest and calamity in the Arab world; the Pak Jung Hi clique supported by the bayonet of U.S. imperialism are the unpardonable traitors to and betrayers of the Korean people.

Only by dealing blows not only to the U.S. imperialist aggressors but their lackeys such as the Zionists in Israel, the Pak Jung Hi clique and the Cao Ky clique alike and sweeping them away, will we be able to stop the U.S. imperialists from riding roughshod over other peoples everywhere.

In the struggle against the common enemies, U.S. imperialism and its lackeys, the Korean people will always march ahead firmly hand in hand with the fraternal Arab peoples.

The Korean people regard the aggression of U.S. imperialism against the Arab peoples as one against themselves and are filled with the determination and fighting will to do everything in their power to aid the Arab peoples in their just struggle against the aggressors.

At present the U.S. imperialists are hatching a plot to launch a direct armed intervention against the Arab peoples by mustering the British imperialists and other followers in a number of Western countries.

The obtaining situation demands that all the anti-imperialist forces of the world pool their strength and take a more determined step in checking the aggressive manoeuvres of the U.S. imperialists in order to safeguard world peace and guarantee the security of the peoples.

Ours is an era of revolution, an era of struggle against U.S. imperialism. All the socialist countries, independent national states in Asia and Africa and the world's peace-loving people should not be indifferent toward the aggressive acts of U.S. imperialism. They should give active assistance to the Vietnamese people who are shedding blood in their fierce struggle against U.S. imperialism and to the Arab peoples who are new victims of U.S. aggression.

They should deal blows to the U.S. imperialists in all parts of the world wherever they set foot, disperse their forces to a maximum and bind them hand and foot so that they cannot ride roughshod over other peoples. The U.S. imperialist aggressors must stop at once their aggressive act against the Arab peoples and take their hands off the Near and Middle East.

The Israeli aggressors must be punished. They must withdraw forthwith from Palestine which they have long occupied.

If the U.S. imperialists, defying the strong denunciation of the Korean and the world's peoples dare set out to spread the flames of the aggressive war against the Arab peoples, they will bring about irretrievable, disastrous consequences and will meet the stern verdict of history and the peoples.

The cause of the Arab peoples fighting against the aggressors will surely be crowned with victory.

EXERCISE IN OFFENSIVE TACTICS

↑ Machinegunners ruthlessly mow down the "enemy troops"

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An artillery unit pounding an "enemy position" →

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In close co-operation with infantry, a tank unit closes in upon an "enemy position" ↓

An exercise in offensive tactics of units and a tactical exercise of air-borne units combined with combat firing were staged at the combined military competition of the Korean People's Army which opened on June 8 in the presence of Premier Kim Il Sung.

The Kim So'n Ho unit which produced 16 Heroes of the Republic during the Patriotic War of Liberation against the U.S. invaders occupied the starting point of the "attack" in the training ground where the tactical exercise was to be held.

Waiting on the designated line to co-operate with them were a guard tankmen's unit and artillery units.

CO-ORDINATION

At ten a.m. there came loud roars of aircraft from the right side rending the air. In a twinkle waves of bombers blew up the "enemy" observation post and battery. Then came pursuit planes of the Ri Su Yo'ng Double Red Flag Unit to destroy "enemy" infantry and tanks. The "enemy position" was plunged into a sea of flames.

Mighty guns of the battery simultaneously opened fire on the remainnig "enemy" targets.

Thunderous explosions shook the earth, sending rocks flying into the air and pounding "enemy" trenches.

The tactical exercise continued, demonstrating the might of the air force flights and battery, perfect co-ordination between the aimers and batterymen and their never-erring marksmanship.

The Korean People's Army personal[ity] founded and reared by Premier Kim Il Sung grew through the ordeal of the war into great ranks of ardent revolutionary combatants fighting with indomitable will for the Party, country and people, a powerful revolutionary army with large numbers of new combat Heroes along with veteran revolutionary fighters tested in the anti-Japanese armed struggle. Now its ranks have grown into an invincible force, politically and ideologically, militarily and technically, each of whom can match one hundred, through the struggle for implementing the military line of the Party.

The success has been made possible only thanks to the leadership of the respected and beloved leader who has indicated the correct line of building up the people's armed forces at each stage of the development of the revolution and has personally taken care of the organization and equipment of all services and arms, the education of armymen and their health and rest.

Tanks, with their rumble filling the air, rolled ahead like angry lions. They were tankmen of the Kim Yun Mun "Guard Seoul" unit who, during the Patriotic War of Liberation, after smashing U.S. imperialists and their stooges, hoisted the D.P.R.K. flag on the top of the puppet "capitol building" in Seoul and forged southward through Seoul, Suwon, Taejon, pressing on to Pusan and bringing the joy of liberation to the brothers and sisters in South Korea.

SIGNAL FLARE

A green signal flare went up in the sky and infantrymen dashed for a charge in the wake of the tanks.

Aircraft, tanks and guns, displaying splendid organization in their close co-ordination, ensured the successful charge of the infantrymen by destroying "enemy" firing points the moment they spotted them. All the shots told, each shell and bullet hitting the target right in the centre.

The determination of the armymen to crush the "enemy" pervaded the training ground shrouded in powder smoke.

A big artillery warfare unfolded when the infantry units went into a fierce battle to smash the counter-charge of the "enemy."

With the booming of guns, shells whizzed through the air pounding the reserve units of the "enemy."

Our army units went over to encircling and wiping out the fleeing "enemy."

Excellent command and the staunchness and high combat skill of the fighters in these operations indicated the successes of the army units in carrying through the Premier's teachings on not only attacking the retreating "enemy" but also encircling him and wiping him out.

AIR-BORNE UNITS

The tactical operation of the air force and air-borne units once again fully demonstrated their high military technique and combat skill which had been refined through everyday training.

The rain which started from early morning fell in torrents. But the bombers of our air force appeared at the exact moment for a preliminary air attack.

After a powerful strike by bombers, air-borne units came under cover of pursuit planes. The whole sky above the training ground was covered with parachutes.

In the quick switch of the paratroopers to the ground battle and the airlifting of heavy weapons by helicopters, the spectators could see the invincible might of the People's Army which gained valuable experience during the Patriotic War of Liberation and is armed with modern military science and technique for going into action under any circumstances.

They felt new love for and confidence in the People's Army, the army of the Party, which is fully prepared to fight for the Party and the Leader in any storm or stress.

INDOMITABLE FORTRESS

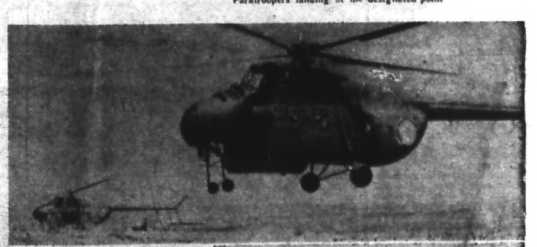
The exercises proved the correctness of the military line of the Party on making the People's Army a cadre army, modernising it, placing the entire population under arms and converting the whole country into a fortress as well as the wisdom of the line of self-defence in national defence invariably adhered to by our Party.

The seasoned leadership of our Party, the monolithic unity of the people and the People's Army behind the Party, the powerful independent economy with the solid material and technical foundation of the self-defensive military strength, the invincible combat power of our People's Army and the nation-wide defence system with the army as the core — all these are the reliable assets for our victory, which have been created thanks to the wise leadership of Premier Kim Il Sung and the outstanding line of military strategy set forth by him.

All the attendants renewed their determination to remain boundlessly loyal to the Party and the Leader, with one mind and one will, think and act just as the Party and Premier Kim Il Sung do and bring about a new revolutionary upsurge in the implementation of the resolution of the Party Conference to step up economic construction and defence upbuilding in parallel, carrying forward and developing the revolutionary traditions of our Party, thereby bringing earlier the reunification of the country and winning the nation-wide victory of the Korean revolution.

The tactical exercises which were held to further perfect combat readiness and increase combat strength, develop the military technique of the servicemen one stage higher and effect a new innovation in their military and political training fully demonstrated the revolutionary zeal and militant stamina of the men and officers of the People's Army who are rallied closely behind the Party and the Leader with one ideology.

Paratroopers landing at the designated point



Helicopters have come with men of a heavy arms unit on board →

Heavy arms which are to support the action of paratroopers ↘

↓ Cheering crowds

Foreign Guests Say

Koreans are Fully Prepared

The Korean people we saw, are maintaining high vigilance against U.S. provocation and are fully prepared to foil it.

Everywhere, in town and country, in factories, mines and fishing villages, the Korean people are making material and moral preparations so they can wipe out the U.S. imperialists at a stroke if they recklessly launch aggression.

The Korean people, successor to the revolutionary traditions of the anti-Japanese guerrillas, are fully preparing themselves to meet the approaching great event of the country's reunification, rallied closely behind the Workers' Party of Korea headed by Premier Kim Il Sung.

XOM LAT
(Laos)

Doomsday is Awaiting U.S. Imperialism

Through the current visit, I realized that in Korea, economic construction is closely combined with defence upbuilding.

The Korean People's Army and the Korean people are fully prepared to beat back any surprise attack by U.S. imperialism, the common enemy of the world's working people, and its lackeys and to safeguard their country. They are squarely behind the fraternal working people of all continents.

We are convinced that the day is not far off when Korea will be reunified.

We saw Yankee imperialists, our common enemy, on the Military Demarcation Line.

They seemed as if awaiting the day of their doom. Doomsday is awaiting them not only in Korea but also in Vietnam. And this will bring about ruin of imperialism all over the world.

EL KHAMLOUSSY
ABDELKADER
(Morocco)

As the Desert Soaks up Water

The Korean people's heroic stamina is enough to conquer mountains and rivers and overcome any obstacles.

I have realized that the adherence to self-defence in national defence is a powerful guarantee for beating any enemy.

As the desert soaks up water, the Korean people under arms will wipe out any enemy invading their country and emerge victorious.

AHMED BEN MENGOUDA
(Algeria)

Outstanding Genius in Military Strategy

After visiting the Patriotic War of Liberation Memorial, we have realized that a people, however small, can defeat any aggressor if they are armed ideologically and united in militant spirit.

Through the materials on display at the Memorial, we came to know more clearly that Premier Kim Il Sung, leader of the Workers' Party of Korea, is an outstanding genius in military strategy, too.

I am convinced that the Korean people educated in dignity and loyalty under the leadership of Premier Kim Il Sung will certainly reunify their country and make great advance.

NICOSIA LUIGI
(Italy)

2,000 U.S. Planes Shot Down Over N. Vietnam

Signal Victories of Vietnamese People

The heroic people of Vietnam won great victories in the just war of resistance for national salvation by showering heavy blows on the U.S. aggressors.

As of June 5 the North Vietnamese people and People's Army shot down 2,000 American planes. The South Vietnamese people and Liberation Army achieved brilliant war results on all fronts, thoroughly frustrating the second dry-season strategic offensive of the U.S. imperialists.

These signal victories constitute a great contribution to the common cause of the world's revolutionary peoples fighting against the U.S. policy of aggression and war and for peace, democracy, national independence and socialism.

The Korean people, ready to share life and death with the Vietnamese people in the just struggle against the common enemy, warmly cangratulate together the people all over the world the fraternal Vietnamese people on their shining victories.

The brilliant victories of the Vietnamese people in both the North and the South, which dealt crushing blows at the Yankee imperialists in their escalation of the brutal war, are an epochal event which has demonstrated their iron will and powerful force they are displaying in their patriotic war of resistance against the United States and which has proved in practice that they are powerful enough to defeat the American imperialists in Vietnam.

Great victories won by the people and armed forces in both parts of Vietnam are a great victory for the correct political and military lines and leadership of the Vietnam Workers' Party headed by President Ho Chi Minh and of the South Vietnam National Front for Liberation.

These are a brilliant victory for the ardent patriotism of the entire Vietnamese people and their firm determination to defend their country and defeat the U.S. aggressors at the cost of their lives and a victory for the militant solidarity sealed with blood of the people in both parts of Vietnam.

The splendid victories of the Vietnamese people are a source of great inspiration to the Asian, African and Latin-American peoples waging an armed struggle for their national liberation and independence.

The American imperialists are now trying more desperately to save themselves out of the predicament to which they have been reduced as a result of the severe defeats inflicted upon them by the Vietnamese people.

They are continuing escalation of the war of aggression in Vietnam and are going to start a "total war" against the Democratic Republic of Vietnam. Their reckless actions only serve to hasten their final defeat.

Invincible are the Vietnamese people confident of justness of their cause and, united like one man, fully resolved to defeat the U.S. aggressors overcoming all difficulties.

The Korean people will, as before, do everything in their power to support the Vietnamese people in their patriotic war of resistance against U.S. imperialism.

A U.S. plane shot down over Hanoi on May 19

A U.S. lieutenant colonel, pllot of a F-105-D plane downed over Hanoi on May 5, appeared for a press conference on May 6

The heroic Vietnamese People's Army and people shot down on June 5 the 2,000th U.S. plane after Johnson and his accomplices had started their war of destruction against the Democratic Republic of Vietnam in August, 1964, according to the VNA report from Hanoi.

The 2,000th U.S. plane was brought down by the armed forces and people in Thanh Hoa province at 11.20 hours June 5 when a flight of U.S. aircraft violated the local airspace. The plane, an F-8, was shot down on the spot, and a U.S. air pirate was captured.

Vietnamese People's Brilliant Battle Results Hailed

Working people and People's Army units in different parts of our country are holding rallies warmly hailing the brilliant combat results registered by the fraternal people of North and South Vietnam and their armed forces in the anti-U.S., patriotic war of resistance.

On June 10, the employees of the Pyongyang Construction Machine Plant gathered for a meeting to congratulate their Vietnamese friends on their shining victories.

Yu In Bong, director, and many workers of the plant made speeches.

The meeting was also addressed by Hoang Muoi, Charge d'Affaires ad Interim of the D.R.V. Embassy in Pyongyang.

On the same day a similar meeting was held at the unit of the Korean People's Army to which Comrade Jo Chang Ho belongs.

Jo Chang Ho and many other servicemen spoke at the meeting.

The floor was also taken by Vu Ngoc Ho, head of the Mission of the South Vietnam National Front for Liberation in Korea.

Meanwhile, many of our industrial enterprises and schools sent messages of congratulation to their counterparts in North Vietnam with regard to the downing of 2,000 U.S. planes over the D.R.V. by the heroic Vietnamese People's Army and people.

PRESS CONFERENCE

At D.R.V. Embassy in Pyongyang

Hoang Muoi, Charge d'Affaires ad Interim of the D.R.V. Embassy in Pyongyang, declared that the victory of the armed forces and people of North and South Vietnam who downed the 2,000th U.S. plane over North Vietnam and foiled the enemies' "second dry-season offensive" in South Vietnam demonstrated the firm will and powerful force of the whole Vietnamese people who will wipe out the U.S. imperialists one day. The much vaunted "superiority of U.S. air force" has completely been frustrated.

He said this at a press conference held on June 7 in connection with the downing over North Vietnam of the 2,000th U.S. plane on June 5.

Hoang Muoi stressed: the Vietnamese people under the leadership of the Vietnam Workers' Party and President Ho Chi Minh performed the exploit of bringing down the 2,000th U.S. plane and sinking or damaging scores of U.S. pirate ships, displaying high revolutionary heroism and united with one mind and one will, firmly building socialism in the North and supporting with might and main the struggle of their compatriots in the South.

In connection with the recent battle success he, in the name of the Vietnamese people and the D.R.V. Government, expressed thanks for the sincere support and assistance given by Premier Kim Il Sung, the Workers' Party of Korea, the D.P.R.K. Government and the whole Korean people to the anti-U.S. struggle of the Vietnamese people.

The Vietnamese people will certainly fulfil their glorious national and international duties by defeating the U.S. imperialists and winning complete victory.

Condemning the U.S. military provocations against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, he declared in conclusion: the Vietnamese people and the D.R.V. Government fully support the resolute steps taken by the D.P.R.K. Government to chop off the U.S. imperialists' claws of aggression, defend socialist gains in the northern part of the country and liberate South Korea and realise the country's reunification.

1967 Universiade

DPRK Team Will Never Give Up Its Formal Name

The Students Sports Association of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea once again declared that it would participate in the 1967 International University Games (Universiade) in Tokyo under the name of the "Democratic People's Republic of Korea" as it was so registered when it joined the International University Sports Federation (FISU) in 1965.

In a letter addressed to the organizing committee for the Tokyo Universiade, on June 7, the D.P.R.K. Students Sports Association expressed indignation at the scheme of the organizing committee and the Japanese authorities to name its team "North Korea" team at the Universiade.

The letter pointed out that the intentional provocation of the organizing committee of the Tokyo Universiade and the Japanese authorities against the D.P.R.K. team contradicts in every point with the FISU rules, Universiade regulations and sportsmanship. It said that they were thus gravely violating their obligations as the organizers of the games to guarantee strictly against any obstacle to the entry into the host country and participation in the games.

The question of the name of a national organization is an affair of the organization itself and it is an inviolable right of the players of each national organization to participate in a game under its formal name, the letter said.

The Students Sports Association of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea was admitted to the FISU at its 1965 assembly under its correct name: "the Students Sports Association of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea" and was registered in the FISU bulletin under the same name, the letter remarked, and it continued:

We are not going into details about the vicious political intrigue of the Japanese side hidden behind such illegal and untenable acts, and all the sinister machinations accompanying it.

But we make it clear that we reserve the right to bring them to light, depending on your future attitude and stand concerning the name of the team of our country.

Our aim is to participate in the forthcoming Universiade without any political discrimination, with the desire to develop students sports and promote cooperation and contacts with students of all countries in the spirit of the FISU rules.

You must not fail to lift discrimination against any participating organization.

If you persist in your absurd stand, it will leave an indelible blot on the history of the FISU and you should be mindful that you will be held responsible for all the grave consequences arising therefrom.

Ex-soldiers of South Korean army Ryu Mu Song (top) and Kim Byong Jin

Two Ex-South Korean Soldiers to the North

Recently two soldiers of the South Korean army came over to the North, quitting the disgraceful life in the puppet army.

They are Ryu Mu Song (27), private first class, Army Medic of the First-aid Station of the Second Battalion, Second Regiment, Sixth Division of the South Korean army and Kim Byong Jin (24), private first class, First Squad, Second Platoon, 12th Company, 81st Regiment, 28th Division of the South Korean army.

The former hails from Jung-ri, Nam myon (sub-county), Yanggu county of Gangwon Province in South Korea, and the latter from Songpyong-ri, Gunso-myon, Ryong-an county, South Cholla Province.

Recalling the miserable life in South Korea where he could hardly eke out a living, far from realizing his hope as a youth, despite his desperate efforts, Kim Byong Jin said:

The hard community life and the bitter experiences in the South Korean army helped me realize that there was only one way open to me: To get out of the clutches of the Americans and the Pak Jung Hi gang and go over to the North.

When he was assigned to a frontline unit, he was further convinced that he could find freedom and happiness only by going over to the side of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea led by Premier Kim Il Sung, the great leader of the 30 million Korean people. He crossed the Demarcation Line when he was put on ambush duty, he said.

Japan's "SDF" Officer on Korean Demarcation Line

Director of Japan's "Defence Agency" Masuda revealed at the recent Diet session that last year four men of the "Self-Defence Forces" made an "inspection" tour of South Vietnam, according to reports from Tokyo.

Meanwhile, "SDA" Chief Secretary Osamu Kaibara said last September "SDA" officer Kojima visited South Korea to inspect the Military Demarcation Line.

These newly disclosed facts show that the Japanese militarists are making preparations to participate more actively and more openly in the war of aggression U.S. imperialism is carrying on in Asia.

"Elections to the seventh National Assembly" took place in South Korea on June 8.

The "Democratic Republican Party" which had been engrossed in traitorous acts by carrying matters with a high hand at the sixth "National Assembly," came to reign supreme continuously, say South Korean press reports commenting on the "elections."

The recent "elections" were stagemanaged by the U.S. imperialists to guarantee the Pak Jung Hi clique's long tenure of office. The "elections," like their predecessors, were a farce staged on Washington's instructions by its field agents.

In order to achieve their despicable aim in the recent "elections," the U.S. imperialists and the Pak Jung Hi clique declared a strict "state of emergency alert" and openly resorted to such irregularities as terror, repression, fraud and trickery.

The Pak Jung Hi and his gang jailed opposition "candidates" and politicians and people of various walks of life allegedly on the charge of violation of the "election law" or "anti-communist law."

They mobilized terrorist organizations to repress the opposition by means of group terrorist attacks, intimidation, abduction and unlawful arrest. They threatened people in order to induce them to vote for them.

Not feeling assured even after their forgery of voters' lists contained 780,000 more names than in the previous month, the Pak Jung Hi gang created one million bogus voters by means of double registration and carried out unfair voting.

The Pak Jung Hi clique posted policemen in uniform or in civilian clothes and terrorists at every polling and counting station and ousted by force opposition "observers" from there. They openly practised such fraud and swindle as package voting, voting by proxy, open voting, restuffing the ballot boxes with forged ballots, nullification of votes cast for opposition candidates, by mobilizing bogus voters.

Ballots cast in bundles, false ballots and unsealed ballot boxes were found in various parts of South Korea and there were cases of the result of ballot counting showing that more ballots than the registered voters were contained in boxes.

Public opinion in South Korea regards such a fraudulent "election" farce of the Pak Jung Hi clique as "degenerated elections" or the most unfair elections surpassing the March 15, 1960 elections in fraudulency. The people took a resolute attitude against irregularities in the "elections" from the outset.

The U.S. imperialists and the Pak Jung Hi clique tried hard to drag out all voters to the polling booths by using every possible means such as intimidation, blackmail and sugar-coated words under the pretext of unfolding an "enlightenment" campaign among the inhabitants.

More than 3,500,000 voters, however, boycotted the elections.

Despite all sorts of fraud that had been employed by the Pak Jung Hi clique, the concocted votes for them did not exceed 50 per cent of the total voters.

All these prove that the American imperialists and the Pak Jung Hi clique are utterly isolated from and repudiated by the South Korean people. And the recent "election" farce once again exposed in the eyes of the world's people what "American democracy" and the "U.N.-supervised elections" are like and showed convincingly that the will of the people can never be represented in the "elections" conducted in South Korea under U.S. occupation.

All the "elections" conducted so far in South Korea were a farce designed to cover up U.S. colonial rule and a scramble of the reactionary political brokers for power, and they have had nothing to do with the South Korean people.

The puppet national assembly is an instrument of Washington for its neo-colonialist domination, an instrument which exists only to serve the U.S. puppets in their indulgence in traitorous acts betraying the will and national interests of the South Korean people and rationalize the U.S. policy of colonial enslavement.

The people in South Korea will never look with folded arms at the brutality, rowdyism and treachery of the Pak Jung Hi clique, faithful lackeys of the U.S. and Japanese imperialists.

It is quite natural that the people of all strata in South Korea staged mass demonstrations, rejecting the fraudulent "elections" and opposing the puppet rulers. A demonstration of more than 3,000 students and citizens in Mokpo and other powerful demonstrations took place in different parts of South Korea—in North and South Cholla provinces, North and South Gyongsang provinces, North and South Chungchong provinces, Gyonggi Province and Cheju Island.

The paraders marched through the streets in opposition to the traitorous clique, chanting the slogans: "Arrest the prime mover of the unfair elections!" and "Let us overthrow the corrupt regime!"

Meanwhile, youths and students in Seoul, at a denunciation meeting, declared the "June 8 elections" null and void and called upon the people to fight in defence of their rights.

Pak Jung Hi and his clique are persisting in their scheme to commit a more outrageous terrorism to suppress the people's stubborn struggle. It will, however, only bring about their own ruin. No other result will come of it.

Kim Gun Hyo'ng

Demonstrating Students Clash with the Police

The South Korean people's struggle opposing and denouncing the fraudulent elections is growing fiercer as days go by.

Students of Seoul College of Seoul University staged a demonstration on June 12 against the recent unfair elections. Press reports from Seoul say: Over 500 students held a meeting denouncing the June 8 fraudulent elections in the campus and then staged a demonstration, carrying streamers with the words: "June 8 elections are null and void!" and "Pak Jung Hi, apologize to the people at once!"

The Pak Jung Hi clique called out 2,000 mobile policemen. The demonstrating students scrummaged braving the police. A clash was reported to have taken place between the students and police.

"Elections" in S. Korea:

Terror-ridden Farce

In Place of a Ballot

According to news reports from South Korea, a sensation was created when a slip carrying the words: "Is this a fair election? Remember the April 19 spirit!" came out of the ballot box at polling district No. 1 in Yongchi'n, North Gyongsang Province. The April spirit means the mammoth uprising the South Korean people staged against terror and fraudulence practised by the Syngman Rhee clique in the "presidential elections" on March 15, 1960. The uprising led to the overthrow of the Syngman Rhee puppet regime.

Aim of Sato's "Third Five-Year Defence Programme"

The Sato government of Japan set about the fulfilment of what it terms the "third five-year defence programme" last April 1. The programme provides for military expenditure amounting to 2 trillion 340,000 million yen.

This programme, Japanese press says, is aimed at keeping the Japanese "Self-Defence Forces" ready for actual warfare and military action.

"The general principles of the third five-year defence programme" which the Sato government adopted at a Cabinet meeting, lay down with stress: "to meet the situation promptly in case of emergency," a wording which was absent in the first and second programmes. This "emergency" means the outbreak of a war. During the period of the "third five-year defence programme," Japan's "Self-Defence Forces" will: first, assume the duty to defend Okinawa and other U.S. bases in Japan, operating under the U.S. forces to be deployed, with Polaris submarines as the core, in Asia; second, have the duty to step up its readiness for their dispatch abroad, carry out armed intervention against the national-liberation struggle and socialist countries and suppress the Japanese people's struggle by increasing their manoeuvrability.

The "programme" provides for the formation of five "Nike Hercules" ground-to-air missile battalions, introduction and home production of long-distance fighter bombers and reinforcement of the "Maritime Defence Force." This signifies a scheme for the "Self-Defence Forces" to introduce a system for carrying America's nuclear weapons. It is directly related to the introduction of America's nuclear weapons into Japan.

Director of the Japanese "Self-Defence Agency" Kaneichi Masuda made no secret of Japan's scheme to introduce during the period of the "third five-year programme" highly efficient fighter bombers able to carry atomic and hydrogen bombs when he declared: "It will not be in contravention of the Constitution that Japan possesses fighter bombers."

A marked increase of the air-lift capacities of helicopters is also stipulated in the new five-year programme. This means following the U.S. aggressors' example of air-lift operations in South Vietnam. Japanese press has revealed that at the bottom of this programme is the scheme for overseas troop dispatch, that this programme for actual warfare is based on secret military plans such as the "bull run operation" plan and that arrangements have been made to use the Philippines as Japan's rear in case of "emergency."

Hong Rae Hui

U.S. Aggressive War Against Korea: —17 Years Ago and Today

What Were the Motives and Aims of the U.S. in Launching the Korean War?

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The United States started a war of aggression in Korea on June 25, 1950. Today, 17 years later, the U.S. imperialists, while busying themselves with the further extension of aggressive war in Vietnam, have continued their grave acts of military provocation against the northern part of Korea along the Military Demarcation Line with a view to launching another war in Korea. Simultaneously with this, the bellicose elements in Washington are talking about the "reopening of the Korean front" more openly and more frequently.

The current situation reminds us of the time the U.S. imperialists started the Korean war in 1950.

It is of practical significance not only for the Korean people but also for all people of the world aspiring to peace for us to review, on the occasion of the 17th anniversary of the outbreak of the Korean war, what the United States started the Korean war for and what it brought to the aggressors.

Why did the U.S. start the Korean war?

There were a number of factors that led the United States to launch the Korean war on June 25, 1950.

"KOREA—KEY TO ASIA"

Having gone over to counter-offensive after crushing the puppet South Korean troops that invaded the North across the 38th parallel, the Korean People's Army captured no small number of confidential documents in the U.S. Embassy and in Syngman Rhee's "presidential mansion" in Seoul.

Among them was OIR Report No. 4849, a confidential document prepared by the U.S. State Department.

The document writes in part:

"Because of Korea's geographical position in Northeastern Asia, at the present time, as equally as in the whole course of its history, control over Korea and the minds of its people is advantageous to any power with Far Eastern interests. Whether or not it is considered essential to the United States as a military base, the peninsula would be of value to a potential enemy and the effect of its possession under such circumstances on the American position would be considerable.

"Through membership in the United Nations and through cooperation with that body in its handling of the Korean question, the United States has accepted the commitments attendant upon U.N. membership.

"These international commitments, however, merely support American national policy toward Korea.

"It is also an American desire to secure through a stable and friendly government in Korea a partial stabilization of the Far East, and to offset, by success in Korea, diplomatic reverses suffered elsewhere in Asia."

The document was prepared on January 28, 1949 and was received by the U.S. Embassy in Seoul on March 2, 1949.

As clearly shown in the above, the United States regarded the control over the whole of Korea as a key factor in its domination of the Far East as a whole and set itself an immediate task of offsetting its "diplomatic reverses" in Asia including the collapse of Chiang Kai-shek in China.

But these are but a brief survey of the basic programme the U.S. Government had on the eve of the Korean war.

There were concrete factors which compelled Washington to decide to start the Korean war in June 1950.

A REMEDY FOR CRISIS OF COLONIAL RULE

The American imperialists who occupied South Korea in the guise of a "liberator" following the conclusion of the Second World War, began to lord it over South Korea as a colonial ruler in place of the Japanese imperialists. They enforced an unequalled colonial fascist terror rule through their henchman Syngman Rhee. The masses of the people offered resistance to this. Puppet troops detailed to crush the resistance went over to the side of the people in succession.

U.S. colonial rule in South Korea faced an acute crisis.

This was why then U.S. State Secretary Acheson admitted that the "South Korean government will collapse within a few months without the backing of the United States" (Keesing's Contemporary Archives, 1949).

In the summer of 1950 the crisis of U.S. colonial rule in South Korea reached its zenith.

The White House sought to tide over the crisis through the consolidation of the position of its stooges whose fate hung in the balance by holding new "National Assembly elections."

On May 30, the "elections to the second National Assembly" were conducted.

But the "elections" placed the American imperialists and their stooges in a more difficult position.

They deprived all democratic organizations of the right to vote and resorted to unprecedented terrorism and fraud. Nevertheless, the Syngman Rheelites garnered less than 20 per cent of the total votes and secured only 45 out of 210 seats in the "National Assembly."

Syngman Rhee's fall was obvious to everybody.

He remained in power, however, with the backing of the United States and further intensified fascist drive.

The then "Vice-President" from an opposition party told newsmen: "The Constitution is disabled. I'm afraid of terror, murder, and what not." (the New York Times, May 11, 1960)

In 1949 alone, the American imperialists and their stooges murdered more than 100,000 people, who demanded freedom, democracy and the reunification and independence of the country. And more than 70,000 persons accounting for one-fourth of the population on Cheju Island in South Korea were killed between 1948 and 1950.

This only served to aggravate the crisis of the U.S. colonial rule and rendered it impossible for U.S. imperialism to maintain its ruling system through the Syngman Rhee regime.

Under these circumstances, the United States decided to unleash a general war against the northern part of Korea to save its tottering colonial rule in South Korea.

To this they attached the label of "defence against aggression from North Korea."

This, however, was but one of the factors that impelled the United States to start the Korean war.

A NEW NEEDLE

The U.S. economy, faced with a serious recession since the end of 1948, clearly showed the sign of a more devastating crisis in 1950.

Industrial production index decreased from 175 (1935=100) in October and November 1948 to 145 in July 1949. This was the worst rate of decrease as in 1929-1930 when the United States was hit by a great economic crisis.

The number of the unemployed increased from 1,542,000 to 4,095,000 and half a year later, to 4,684,000. Besides the number of the semi-unemployed totalled some 10 million.

The New York Journal of Commerce expressed astonishment saying "the coming recession is as serious as that of 1931," and wrote on May 15, 1950: "There is every reason to believe that the Administration stands ready with a big new needle to inject new life in the economy."

"A big new needle" was the launching of war in Korea, and this was designed to further enrich the millionaires of the United States.

The stock exchange price index rose from 105 in June 1949 to 175 in February 1951. The Savage Arms Corporation, in the first three months of 1951, showed its profits 30 times higher than in the corresponding period in 1949. American Zinc, Lead, and Smelting reported 5.67 dollar profit per share in 1950 as compared with 31 cents in 1949.

The Korean outbreak chased the ghost of the depression that had been haunting business in the U.S. since the end of World War II. Wrote U.S. News and World Report,

"The Korean war furnished another proof that making money through war and from killing millions of people in the war represents the recognized rule of conduct for the Wall Street bloodsuckers.

GENERAL REVERSES

In 1950 it became more evident that the United States was faced with the general bankruptcy of her foreign policy.

The political and economic might of the socialist countries was rapidly growing in spite of America's hostile policy toward the socialist camp after the end of World War II. In 1949 the U.S. monopoly of atomic bomb went completely bankrupt.

America's colonial policy for strangulating the national-liberation movements by force of arms suffered one fiasco after another.

Establishment of people's governments in Korea, Vietnam and then in China was an event that shook America's postwar Asian policy to its very foundation. National-liberation movements spread like a prairie fire in every part of Asia, Africa and Latin America.

America's policy toward the capitalist world met with stiff resistance.

Her designs for the control and domination of the capitalist countries in Europe through "Marshall Plan" gradually turned out to be going against Washington's intention and a crack began to appear in the Nato bloc formed allegedly to counter the "threat of communism."

America's plans for the revival of West German militarism and "integration of Western Europe" met with the opposition of her allies. Her scheme to resurrect Japanese militarism also came up against strong opposition of the democratic forces.

Voices opposing the U.S. aggressive machinations were mounting higher in every part of the world.

Trends of opposing the rulers' war propaganda and militarization of the country were rising from day to day even among the Americans.

Washington's postwar foreign policy struck a snag and went bankrupt in different parts of the world. The U.S. Administration deplored in April 1950 that the state of affairs showed that the cold-war time-table had already gone wrong in the areas extending from Korea to West Germany.

To achieve its ambition of world domination, tiding over the crisis and bankruptcy of its domestic and foreign policies, U.S. imperialism launched the Korean war. It was unleashed in order to meet these general demands of the United States.

Ri Hyon Ik

Strategic map drawn up by the U.S. imperialists in 1949 for an armed invasion of the D.P.R.K.

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